Town Meeting Coordinating Committee Minutes for June 23, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 pm First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Present: Mary Streeter, Alan Powell, Chris Riddle, Barbara Ford, Patricia Holland, Jacqueline Maidana,

(and at 4 pm) Michael Greenebaum, Marcie Sclove

Absent: Peggy Roberts

Mary Streeter called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM and explained Peggy was in the hospital.

- 1. Public Comment: None.
- 2. Information for Charter Commission: We discussed whether it was appropriate for TMCC to have a subcommittee to prepare suggestions for improving TM for presentation to the Charter Commission. Barbara wondered if it would appear to be seen as lobbying. Jacquie thought it would be a good opportunity to bring new information and ideas about TM to the Charter Commission.
- 3. Evaluations of TMCC Town Meeting Events: Discussion postponed.
- 4. Review of Annual Town Meeting: We discussed the format for a study of TM for the Charter Commission. Chris proposed a subcommittee of TMCC with outsiders allowed. Chris wondered if doing so would violate TMCC's rules. Mary read from the official purpose of TMCC: to provide information about TM and outreach to TM members. We agreed the proposed TMCC subcommittee appeared consistent with those purposes. It would have to follow all the rules about posting meeting times and providing minutes. Jacqui and Chris volunteered to be on the subcommittee.
- 5. Future Projects: Marcie Sclove and Michael Greenebaum arrived at 3:55. After discussion, we all agreed that the study of improvements to TM become a subcommittee of TMCC. Michael asked how TMCC could implement recommended changes, and Mary explained that depending on the scope of the change TMCC could work with the Moderator or with the Town Manager to have proposals put on the TM warrant. Marcie wants someone on the subcommittee interested in doing research for putting proposed changes on a town wide ballot. We discussed recruiting other members for the subcommittee, and Michael, Jacqui, and Chris agreed to discuss this at their first meeting. Marcie thanked TMCC for doing this work.
- 6. Topics Not Anticipated 48 Hours Before the Meeting: None.
- 7. Town Website and Listserv: No time to discuss.
- **8. Approval of Minutes**: We approved the minutes of March 10, 2016.
- 9. Scheduling of Meetings: The next meeting will be Friday, July 15, at 3 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk.

Documents distributed:

Agenda; Draft Minutes, June 16, 2016 meeting